



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, February 6, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair
Rep. Scott H. Chew, House Vice Chair
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Ronald Winterton
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Suzanne Harrison
Rep. Karen Kwan

Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Keven J. Stratton
Rep. Logan Wilde

Members Absent:

Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

Staff Present:

Ivan D. Djambov, Finance Manager
Lacey K. Moore, Financial Analyst
Christopher Vizcardo, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Chew called the meeting to order.

1 . Department of Agriculture and Food Administration

Lacey Moore, Financial Analyst, Office the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), presented on the Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) .

1) NRAEQ Detailed Agenda 2-6-2020

2 . Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Rep. Snider moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. S. Harrison
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. L. Perry
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. K. Stratton
Sen. D. Thatcher
Rep. L. Wilde

3 . Resource Conservation

Kelly Pehrson, Interim Commissioner, UDAF, presented the report.

[2\) Department of Agriculture and Food Presentation](#)

R.J. Spencer, Director of the Division of Resource Conservation, UDAF, presented.

Sen. Winteron asked about overdue payments from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. R.J. Spencer responded.

Rep. Kwan asked about performance measures. RJ Spencer responded.

4 . Animal Industry

Leanne Hunting, Director of the Division of Animal Industry, UDAF, presented.

Chair Chew made a comment about coyotes.

Sen. Sandall commented on Brand Inspection and fees.

Rep. Handy asked about trappers and predator control.

5 . Plant Industry

Robert Hougaard, Director of the Division of Plant Industry, presented.

Rep. Christofferson inquired about vehicles related to the cannabis program. Robert Hougaard responded with support of Debbie Lyberger, Finance Manager, Division of Plant Industry, UDAF. Discussion followed.

Sen. Sandall commented on Industrial Hemp fees.

Robert Hougaard continued his presentation.

Andrew Rigby, Director of Industrial Hemp and Medical Cannabis Programs, UDAF, presented a report.

Sen. Okerlund complimented Andrew Rigby's work and asked if the fees are covering all of the costs of the program. Andrew Rigby responded.

Andrew Rigby continued his presentation.

6 . Regulatory Services

Travis Waller, Director of the Division of Regulatory Services, UDAF, presented.

Sen. Hinkins asked a question regarding greenhouse growers. Travils Waller responded. Discussion followed.

Sen. Okerlund asked a question regarding the amount of dairy farms in Utah. Travis Waller responded. Discussion followed.

Rep. Kwan asked a question regarding performance measures. Travis Waller responded.

7 . Marketing and Development

[Food Hub Infographic](#)



Linda Gillmor, Director of the Division of Marketing and Economic Development, UDAF, presented.

Rep. Harrison asked a question regarding Cannabinoid (CBD) advertisement, Linda Gillmor responded with assistance from Andrew Rigby. Discussion followed.

Sen. Hinkins asked whether essential oils are regulated, Linda Gillmor responded with support from Travis Waller. Discussion followed.

Rep. Christofferson asked about the Utah's Own program and relation to UDAF's building block request. Linda Gillmor responded. Discussion followed.

Rep. Snider asked logistical questions regarding the proposed food hub. Linda Gillmor responded. Discussion followed.

Rep. Handy commented on the food hub.

8 . Department of Agriculture and Food Administration

Kelly Pehrson, continued his presentation with the support of Travis Waller.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question regarding the previous computer system contract. Mandy Taft, Director of the Division of Administrative Services, UDAF, responded. Discussion followed.

Rep. Snider asked a question regarding the use of funds by the department. Lacey Moore and Ivan Djambov, Finance Manager, LFA, responded. Discussion followed.

Rep. Lee commented on the Department of Technology Services (DTS). Mike Hussey, Executive Director of DTS, responded.

Rep. Snider asked about DTS' standard procedures. Mike Hussey responded.

Rep. Perry expressed concerns with DTS.

Kelly Pehrson continued his presentation.

Rep. Chew asked a question regarding the brand renewal app. Leann Hunting responded.

9 . RFA: Incentivizing Local Food Purchases (Rep. Handy)

[Local Purchasing for School Meals](#)

Rep. Handy presented the appropriation request with support from Kate Wheeler, Child Nutrition Specialist, Board of Education and Sen. Davis.

10 . Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 11.



Yeas-8

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. S. Harrison
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. L. Wilde
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-11

Rep. C. Albrecht
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Chair Chew adjourned the meeting.